GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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THREAT FROM THE RIVERS FLOWING INTO INDIA FROM TIBET
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rivers flowing from Tibet into India pose any threat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this matter with the Government of China; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) Government has taken up with the Chinese side matters relating to trans-border rivers.India and China have signed MoUs upon Provision of Hydrological Information of Yalung Zangbo/Brahmaputra River and Sutlej /Langqen Zangbo River in Flood Season by China to India in January 2002 and April 2005 respectively. The MoU relating to Brahmaputra has been renewed in June 2008.Both countries have also established an Expert Level Mechanism on Trans-Border Rivers to discuss interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data,emergency management and other issues. Two meetings have been held in September 2007 and April 2008.The next meeting is likely to be held in China in the first half of 2009.